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10.1 INTRODUCTION

Two-dimensional impressions are those impressions, which for all practical purposes, have the dimensions of length and width, but not a significant depth.

10.2 PREPARATIONS

No specific preparations required.

10.3 INSTRUMENTATION

Alternate Light Source Electrostatic Lifting Device Photography/Imaging Equipment

10.4 MINIMUM STANDARDS AND CONTROLS

As stated for the particular process or equipment used.

10.5 PROCEDURE OR ANALYSIS

The procedure for examining two-dimensional impressions already preserved at the crime scene usually involves photographs, lifted impressions, or the evidence itself. Impressions that need preserving are photographed and printed 1:1 for examination and lifted impressions that need to be recorded for file documentation are also photographed. If negatives or photographic media are submitted bearing impressions, they are printed 1:1 if possible for examination.

If the evidence requires processing, then the evidence is processed after photography, in accordance with the previous listed processing techniques. The processing techniques applied are at the discretion of the examiner, based on sound judgment, experience, and the type of residue and surface of the evidence.

10.6 INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Provided the submitted impressions are of value and a known shoe/tire, etc. has been submitted, a direct or side-by-side comparison is made between the questioned and known impression. If a known shoe/tire, etc. is not submitted, any information available in the questioned impression becomes part of the report for investigative leads. This may involve searching SICAR/SOLEMATE, Tread Design Guide, other reference sources, including shoe/tire stores.

10.7 REFERENCES

- 1. Footwear Impression Evidence, Bodziak, 1990, pp 99-133
- 2. <u>Tire Imprint Evidence</u>, McDonald, 1989, 39-45

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